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The Story Of A Favorite Christmas Carol

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” is one of our favorite carols that we hear during the holidays. This song is based on a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and the story behind it is very interesting.

In 1860, Longfellow was a very successful poet. Abraham Lincoln was elected as President that year, and many in the country were optimistic about the future of the United States.

A dark cloud of despair soon fell over America and Longfellow’s personal life. In 1861, The Civil War began on April 12th, and Longfellow lost his wife on July 10th.

The day before she died, Longfellow’s wife was putting locks of her children’s hair into an envelope and was trying to seal it with hot sealing wax. We’re not sure of how it happened, but her dress caught on fire. Longfellow rushed to help, and threw a rug over her. The rug turned out to be too small for the job. He then used his body to put out the fire, but she was already badly burned. The following morning, she died after requesting a cup of coffee.

Longfellow’s hands and face were so badly burned by the fire, that he was unable to attend her funeral. He later wrote in his diary, on December 25, 1861, “*How inexpressibly sad are the holidays.*”

Life for Longfellow continued to grow darker. In March of 1863, his oldest son, Charles, walked out of his family’s home. Without telling anyone of his plans, he boarded a

train and went to Washington D.C., so he could join the Union Army.

Longfellow later found a letter that Charles had left behind. Charles said in his letter, “*I have tried hard to resist the temptation of going without your leave but I cannot any longer. I feel it to be my first duty to do what I can for my country and would willingly lay down my life for it if it would be of any good.*”

Charles impressed his fellow soldiers and superiors with his skills. On March 27, 1863, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Calvary.

After fighting in the Battle of Chancellorsville, in Virginia (April 30 – May 6, 1863), Charles became ill with typhoid fever, and he was sent home to recover. He later rejoined his unit on August 15, 1863.

On November 27, 1863, Charles was shot during the battle of the Mine River Campaign. The bullet entered through his left shoulder, and exited under his right shoulder blade. It had traveled across his back and skimmed his spine. Charles was lucky that he was not already paralyzed.

Longfellow received a telegram on December 1, 1863. It said that his son had been severely wounded. Longfellow and a younger brother, Ernest, immediately got on a train. They arrived in Washington D.C. on December 3rd. Charles later arrived by train on December 5th.

Longfellow was alarmed when he heard the Army

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100 Years Ago . . .

December 12, 1917, Father Flanagan founded Boys Town, an orphanage in Nebraska. He started it with a \$90 loan. It is now one of the largest child care agencies in the country and touches the lives of over 2 million people each year.

Remembering A Great Industrialist

“If you owe the bank \$100, that’s your problem. If you owe the bank \$100 million, that’s the bank’s problem.”

J. Paul Getty, born December 15, 1892

Rave Reviews!

"Thank you for all of your expertise and guidance throughout the termite process. I truly appreciate the time and attention you took with me and my home. I will definitely refer you to friends that are in need of your service."

Danielle Harney
Costa Mesa

"I want to commend your crew for the outstanding job they did on our termite infestation. Everyone from Marie who answered the phone & set up the inspection to Jose & Saul who did the actual work was friendly & professional. Skip is exceedingly knowledgeable & was able to pinpoint the areas of infestation right away. He took the time to show us the trouble areas & explain our options. Jose & Saul arrived right on schedule & did the work with a minimum of disruption to us. Their work is neat & we are very pleased with the outcome.

We are long-time customers of yours & have always been happy with your service. We are also very happy with Eric who does our bi-monthly exterior spraying."

Susan Kesler
Costa Mesa

"Hi Terry, I just wanted to let you know what a pleasant experience we had with our annual inspection this morning. Skip came out and since he had done our previous inspection, he "knew" our home. He noticed that we had put on a new roof and was very complimentary about the condition of our attic. Skip is very personable, professional, and courteous. Thank you for employing people like him."

Kristen Evans
Anaheim

surgeon tell him that his son's condition was very serious, and that paralysis might ensue. Three other surgeons gave a more favorable report that evening.

Charles eventually recovered, but his military career was over.

On December 25th of that year, Longfellow wrote a poem titled "I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day". The poem was written as follows:

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And thought how, as the day had
come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said:
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and
deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

John B. Caulkin, a famous English composer, set the lyrics to music, in 1872. Steven Curtis Chapman, Johnny Cash, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Jimmie Rogers, and others, have recorded this version.

Johnny Marks, known for his song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", set Longfellow's poem to music in 1956. This version has been recorded by Bing Crosby, Ed Ames, Frank Sinatra, Kate Smith, and many others.

The next time you hear this Christmas carol, take a moment to remember this story. Do that and I think this great song will take on an entirely different meaning.



Family Of Raccoons Take Over A Bank!

The largest bank in Canada had to close one of their branches in Toronto, after a family of raccoons took over. A spokesman for the bank said that the "masked bandits" were living in the ceiling.

Bank executives were hoping that the closure would be only for a couple of days, but the animals did far more damage than originally estimated.

The raccoons were evicted by professionals, and the construction crews are now starting to do the repairs. This bank has very high ceilings, so their first task was to erect scaffolding on the interior of the building.

Repairs are expected to take about two months to complete. Meanwhile, the bank is directing

their customers to go to other nearby branches.

The city of Toronto has been battling with raccoon problems for many years. With little success by the city's efforts, it looks like the raccoons are winning the war.

\$10M Wrongful Death Lawsuit For Fatal Bee Attack

A law firm recently filed a wrongful death lawsuit for Daniel Martinez's fatal bee attack in Tucson, Arizona. The lawsuit claims that the homeowner's bees stung Mr. Martinez thousands of times, and caused him to suffer cardiac arrest.

A spokesperson from the local fire department said that a landscaper was spraying near the yard when Mr. Martinez, also a landscaper, was attacked by the bees. She went on to say that the landscaper, who was spraying, attempted to help Mr. Martinez. After being stung 100-200 times, the man who was trying to help had to run from the scene in order to save his own life.

Firefighters rushed to the scene. Their Captain described the situation by stating that the swarm consisted of maybe 100,000 bees. Seven of the firefighters were hurt or stung, while they tried in vain to save Martinez's life.

Two bee hives, weighing about 300 pounds each, were found. At least one of them was visibly hanging from the eave of the roof. Firefighters used a contact insecticide to exterminate both hives. The Captain said that this was done for the safety of everyone.

The lawyers in this case allege that the bee nests had been growing at the Defendant's home for over a year and that neighbors noted the numerous amount of bees in that neighborhood. The claim of Mr. Martinez's spouse is

for \$10 million of damages.

Ladies and gentlemen, please don't let something like this happen to you. If you have a problem with a bee nest in or around your home, **call us at (949) 631-7348** before it's too late.

President's Economic Stimulus

With all the investigations and scandals in Washington D.C., many of us are beginning to wonder if anything will ever get done there. While all of this is going on, President Termite Terry is continuing to focus on getting the economy moving again.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Julia Lee of Irvine referred our service to Ling Lee of Irvine.
- Robindale Shepherd of Westminster referred us to Ana Baca of Anaheim.
- Jon McClintock of Newport Beach referred our service to Kim Charney of Newport Beach.
- Don Sjaarda of Fountain Valley referred us to his son, Brian Sjaarda of Huntington Beach. Don is a regular pest control client and **he will get his next service for FREE!**

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

Fun Facts About Christmas Toys

Christmas is almost here and it's time to start shopping for your kid's toys. Here are some fun facts about popular Christmas toys from the past:

- Lionel introduced their first electric train set in 1900. They were originally to be used only as a storefront display. But, the demand was so high that they started selling them to the public.
- Tinkertoys were invented in 1914. They were an instant hit and over one million sets were sold in the first year.
- The Radio Flyer wagon was born in 1917. Their 100th Anniversary editions are now on sale!
- Lego began producing plastic building blocks in 1947. As of 2011, Lego has produced enough bricks so that there are 52 bricks for each person on the entire planet.
- Play-Doh was introduced for sale at Macy's and Marshall Fields department stores, in 1956. Sales reached nearly 3 million in 1958.
- The Barbie Doll was introduced in 1959. Over a billion of them have since been sold worldwide.
- G.I. Joe was introduced in 1963. It has been called the most popular boys' toy of the 20th century.
- The Hot Wheels racecar set was introduced in 1968. Today, some collectors are paying more than six figures for these cars!
- The Rubik's Cube was a big hit in 1979.
- Cabbage Patch Kids were must have Christmas gifts in the 1980's.
- Nintendo took the world by storm when it was released in 1988.
- Beanie Babies became an obsession in the 1990's.
- Razor scooters were the hottest toy in 2,000 and over one million were sold that year.
- Hatchimals were the hottest toy in 2016.

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Special Christmas Drawing For Termite Terry's Customers!

OPEN YOUR NEWSLETTER NOW, TO WIN!!

It is Christmas Season and it is time for us all to celebrate. This month, Termite Terry Pest Control would like to thank all our customers by holding a special Christmas drawing.

This year, Radio Flyer has come out with their special 100th Anniversary Edition of this classic wagon, and we would like to give our clients a chance to win their very own. This special edition has a red steel body, is almost 40 inches long, 18 inches wide, has ten inch wheels, and has the "100th Anniversary logos on the sides.

All entries must be received by December 21, 2017. To enter, simply open your newsletter to find your entry form, and fill in the needed information. You can either send it back to us via email, fax, or by mail.

The drawing will take place at our office on December 22, 2017, at 10am. And, if the winner lives in the Orange County area, we will personally deliver the wagon that day! The winner will be posted on our Facebook Page.

Don't be late, send you entry in TODAY!

* Employees of Termite Terry Pest Control, Inc. and their immediate families are not eligible for entry.

**Merry Christmas to everyone from
Termite Terry and his staff!**



"Termite" Terry Singleton